

Date: April 30, 2004

To: Chairman Randolph and Commissioners Blair, Downey, Karlan and Knox

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This is a summary of administrative activity and other matters since the report sent to you prior to the last Commission meeting.

A. BUDGET AND PERSONNEL

The Governor's May revision of the 2004-05 state budget is expected to be released on or about May 14th. That revision should give the Commission a better indication of its funding for the coming year. Regardless of whether the Governor changes his spending plan for our agency, the legislative budget subcommittees will take action on our budget once the revision is announced.

Enforcement Investigator Larry Barkhouse accepted an Associate Governmental Program Analyst position with the State Controller's office effective May 1, 2004. We extend our congratulations and appreciation for his enthusiastic support of the Commission's outreach mission.

B. STAFF PROJECTS

The Technical Assistance Division has not conducted SEI seminars or outreaches this month as travel has been suspended due to budget constraints.

The Public Education Unit has posted the spring issue of the FPPC Bulletin on the web site and also distributed it to over 900 e-mail subscribers. The issue includes an article reviewing

highlights of agency accomplishments in 2003, and also provides information for local government agencies updating conflict of interest codes.

Legal Division reports that Staff Counsel Scott Tocher will be serving as a panelist on the subject of independent expenditures at the annual California Political Attorneys Association in June.

I will be speaking to the California Political Treasurers Association in May regarding the Commission's budget, staffing and other matters.

C. APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES/AMENDMENTS

Since the last Commission meeting, the agency has approved the following codes/amendments:

California Bay Delta Authority
Public Employment Services Authority
California Energy Commission
Beach Erosion Authority For Clean Oceans and Nourishment
Center on Water Education
California Risk Management Authority
California Risk Management Authority II
Labor and Workforce Development Agency

D. FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

BJK Investments, Inc., FPPC 03/560. On March 29, 2004, probable cause was found to believe that respondent, a California corporation headquartered in San Francisco, failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of Section 84200, subdivision (b) (1 count).

George M. Drysdale, FPPC 03/686. On March 29, 2004, probable cause was found to believe that respondent, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Marswan Drysdale Group, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Drysdale Enterprises, and the owner of GM Drysdale Enterprises, who resides in Hillsborough and the Philippines, failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of Section 84200, subdivision (b) (1 count).

Gladys Gill, FPPC 03/559. On March 29, 2004, probable cause was found to believe that respondent, a resident of Glendale, failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of Section 84200, subdivision (b) (1 count) and failed to file a semi-annual campaign statement electronically, in violation of Section 84605, subdivision (a) (1 count).

Helen Jeng, FPPC 03/558. On March 30, 2004, probable cause was found to believe that respondent, the Chief Executive Officer of the San Francisco Fine Bakery located in Redwood City, failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of Section 84200, subdivision (b) (1 count).

Plus One, Inc., FPPC 03/418. On March 29, 2004, probable cause was found to believe that respondent, a San Ramon corporation that sells and distributes excess flow gas safety valves, failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of Section 84200, subdivision (b) (1 count).

Compton Community College District and Ulis Williams, FPPC No. 01/729. On April 12, 2004, probable cause was found to believe that respondents failed to perform and negligently caused a failure to perform the required filing officer duties of respondent Compton Community College District concerning 45 statements of economic interests filings in violation of Government Code section 81010.

E. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

Pursuant to regulation 18404.1, campaign committees facing termination by December 31, 2002, who desire an extension of that deadline must submit a request to the Executive Director by December 1, 2002. Since my last report to the Commission, I have responded to the following requests:

Sam Blakeslee for Assembly Exploratory. First request for extension granted for a period of 6 months. The committee was not listed on the ballot in 2002, and did not, therefore, receive any communication from the FPPC advising them of their new regulatory obligation to terminate the committee. The committee is now aware of their obligations and has committed to raising funds to pay off existing debt.